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Proposal for an Estimate of the Strategic Importance
of the Far East to the U. S. and the USSR

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1. Attached hereto is a memorandum from the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.
2. The estimate to which reference is made was prepared through the collaborative efforts of the intelligence organizations of the Departments of State, Army, Navy and Air Force, and the Central Intelligence Agency in 1948 and 1949. It was published on 4 May 1949 and carried a dissent by ONI.
3. The proposal that a new coordinated estimate on this subject be prepared is submitted for consideration at the IAC meeting on Thursday, 23 August 1951.

JAMES Q. REBER
Secretary
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE CHAIRMAN, INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Request for Revision of ORE 17-49

1. A request has been received from Commander in Chief, Far East, for revision of CIA study ORE 17-49, "The Strategic Importance of the Far East to the U.S. and the U.S.S.R."

2. Because of the present tense international situation and because of the changes in the situation since the production of ORE 17-49, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, believes that a new estimate of this subject would be of great value. Moreover, because ORE 17-49 has been overtaken by events, the A C of S, G-2 recommends that a new coordinated estimate on this subject be produced, rather than an attempt be made to revise ORE 17-49.

3. It is requested that this question be considered at the next regular meeting of the IAC.

/s/ JOHN WECKERLING
Brigadier General, GSC
Deputy AC of S, G-2

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